

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Replacement drawing sheets for FIGS. 7 and 26 are enclosed. These figures have been amended to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner. Two (2) pages of replacement drawing sheets are attached after page 19 of this paper.



The Examiner objects to Figure 7 on the ground that Figures 3D and 4 which show the folded portions after being opened do not show such portions folded forward. Looking at Figure 1A-D, starting with a flat article (Fig. 1A), the left side of the article is folded over (Fig. 1B) to form a left flap. Then the right side is folded over (Fig. 1C) to form a right flap. At this time the left and right flaps are folded over and strip tape 14 is used to secure them in place (Fig. 1D). Now, going to Fig 7, when the article is separated along the broken line 15, the left and right flaps separate from the strip tape and the left flap, which is still attached to the left side (1A), moves to the left, and the right flap, which is still attached to the right side (1B), moves to the right. Thus, the folded portions are folded before being opened, not after, as suggested by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicants request that the objection to proposed Figure 7 be withdrawn. However, in the event that the Examiner still believes that a new Figure 7 is required, Applicants enclose a replacement drawing sheet of Figure 7 including the change requested by the Examiner for filing in the application.

### **III. Objection to Specification**

The substitute specification, including the abstract, was filed November 13, 2006. Subsequently, by means of instructions in the Response filed on October 16, 2007, and as requested by the Examiner, Applicants re-positioned multiple paragraphs from the Summary portion of the specification to the "Detailed Description of the Invention" portion of the specification. In this current Office Action, the Examiner maintains certain previously raised objections to the specification about informalities. In response to this objection, Applicants now provide an amended substitute specification, including a "marked-up" and a "clean" copy of the specification. This substitute specification includes all of the changes made to the specification by the amendment of October 16, 2007, and addresses the issues raised by the Examiner in this current Office Action. Applicants believe that the substitute specification is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 and respectfully request that the substitute specification enclosed herewith be entered, and that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

On page 5, paragraph 7 of the Office action, the Examiner inquires about the location of the broken line 15. As noted in a prior Response, broken line 15 is in fact provided only on the rear face of the wrapping container. In addition, see the PreGrant Publication, paragraphs [0182-0185].

Immediately thereafter, the Examiner asks how the tape 14 and the sealed longitudinal ends on the front end are torn. The tape is torn by the dominant hand before the fingers of the non-dominant hand are inserted into the finger insertion portions of the wrapping container. This is consistent with the front face of the wrapping container as is shown in Figs. 1(D) or 3(B), and the rear face as shown in Fig. 7.

#### **IV. Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112**

Claims 1, 19, 20, 28, 30 and 32 are rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the matter which applicants regards as the invention. Applicants cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer and re-presents cancelled claim 1 as new claim 33. New independent claim 33 includes language which is in the originally filed specification and tracks the Examiner's suggestions as noted on page 9 of the Office action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections under the second paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

#### **V. Patentably Distinguishable Subject Matter**

The remarks by the Examiner that the prior art, alone or in any combination, do not teach the invention of claims 1 (herein cancelled and re-presented anew as claim 33), 19-20, and 32 is noted with appreciation.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that claims 33, 19, 20 and 32 pending in the application are now in condition for allowance.

If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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